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AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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TAGS: ETRD, BE, NL, LU

SUBJECT: PROSPECTIVE BENELUX COORDINATION OF TRADE  
POLICIES

1. DEHENNIN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT THE  
FOREIGN MINISTRY, TOLD EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR IN  
CONFIDENCE THAT BENELUX COUNTRIES HAVE DECIDED TO  
COORDINATE THEIR POLICIES ON THE MTN AND ON SIGNIFICANT  
TRADE MATTERS OUTSIDE THE MTN, SUCH AS RHODESIAN CHROME.  
DEHENNIN ATTRIBUTED THIS MOVE TO CONCERN BY THESE SMALL  
COUNTRIES ABOUT THEIR LACK OF INFLUENCE IN THE EUROPEAN  
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COMMUNITY AND THEIR EXCLUSION FROM "BIG POWER" SUMMIT  
MEETINGS. ACCORDING TO DEHENNIN, IT WAS BELGIUM WHICH  
TOOK THE INITIATIVE ON COORDINATION IN THE COURSE OF  
DEVELOPING ITS POSITIONS FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE  
COMMUNITY AND IN ASSESSING ITS POLICIES FOR THE  
TINDEMANS II ADMINISTRATION.

2. AS A FIRST STEP IN THIS DIRECTION, SENIOR BELGIAN  
OFFICIALS WILL BE GOING TO THE HAGUE NEXT WEEK TO START  
DISCUSSIONS OF TRADE POLICIES. THE BELGIANS AND DUTCH  
INTEND TO HOLD THE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MEETING CLOSELY  
AND DO NOT INTEND TO PUBLICIZE THEIR ACTIVITIES. IF  
COORDINATION OF POLICIES APPEARS PROMISING IN THE TRADE  
FIELD, DEHENNIN SAID COORDINATION COULD ALSO BE EXTENDED  
TO OTHER AREAS IN WHICH THE COMMUNITY HAS COMPETENCE.

3. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER DENMARK AND  
IRELAND WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS COORDINATION AND WAS TOLD  
THERE WAS NO INTENTION OF INVOLVING THESE TWO COUNTRIES.  
ACCORDING TO DEHENNIN, THE INTERESTS OF DENMARK AND  
IRELAND WERE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THE BENELUX, NOTING  
THAT DENMARK GENERALLY SUPPORTED GERMAN POSITIONS AND  
IRELAND LEANS TOWARD FRANCE. CHAMBERS

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